

1. A print system for providing print service for printing an electronic document in response to a print request including designation of the electronic

judging means for judging whether a type of the
print request is a type that the print request is
transferred from a client apparatus to a server

computing means for computing a use fee of the print service in accordance with the judged type of the print request.

3. A print system according to claim 1, wherein the server apparatus has a function of managing the print service and the server apparatus includes said computing means.

4. A print system according to claim 1, wherein

the server apparatus transmits registered image data to the printer in response to the print request from the client apparatus.

5 5. A print system according to claim 1, wherein said computing means computes the use fee in accordance with a print result notice from the printer.

10 6. A print system according to claim 1, wherein a fee system for the type that the print request is transferred from the client apparatus to the server apparatus and the image data is transferred via the network from the server apparatus to a printer is different from a fee system for the type that the print request is directly transferred from the client apparatus to the printer.

15 7. A method of providing print service for printing an electronic document in response to a print request including designation of the electronic document to be printed, the method comprising the steps of:

20 judging whether a type of the print request is a type that the print request is transferred from a client apparatus to a server apparatus and image data is transferred via a network from the server apparatus to a printer, or a type that the print request is

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directly transferred from the client apparatus to the printer; and

computing a use fee of the print service in accordance with the judged type of the print request.

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8. A method according to claim 7, wherein said computing step selects a use fee system of the print service in accordance with information on the judged type of the print request.

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9. A method according to claim 7, wherein a fee system for the type that the print request is transferred from the client apparatus to the server apparatus and the image data is transferred via the network from the server apparatus to a printer is different from a fee system for the type that the print request is directly transferred from the client apparatus to the printer.

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10. A method according to claim 7, wherein the server apparatus transmits registered image data to the printer in response to the print request from the client apparatus.

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11. A server apparatus for managing print service for printing an electronic document in response to a print request including designation of the electronic

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document to be printed, the server apparatus
comprising:

- judging means for judging whether a type of the
print request is a type that the print request is
5 transferred from a client apparatus to a server
apparatus and image data is transferred via a network
from the server apparatus to a printer, or a type that
the print request is directly transferred from the
client apparatus to the printer; and
10 computing means for computing a use fee of the
print service in accordance with the judged type of the
print request.

12. A server apparatus according to claim 11,
15 further comprising storage means for storing data
representative of a use fee system for each type of the
print request, wherein said computing means selects the
use fee system of the print service in accordance with
information on the judged type of the print request.

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13. A server apparatus according to claim 11,
wherein the server apparatus is connected to the client
apparatus and the printer via the network.

- 25 14. A server apparatus according to claim 11,
further comprising transmission means for transmitting
registered image data to the printer in response to the

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print request from the client apparatus.

15. A server apparatus according to claim 11,
further comprising reception means for receiving a
5 print result notice from the printer, wherein said
computing means computes a use fee in accordance with
the received print result notice.

10 16. A server apparatus according to claim 11,
wherein a fee system for the type that the print
request is transferred from the client apparatus to the
server apparatus and the image data is transferred via
the network from the server apparatus to a printer is
different from a fee system for the type that the print
15 request is directly transferred from the client
apparatus to the printer.

20 17. A computer readable storage medium storing a
program for managing print service for printing an
electronic document in response to a print request
including designation of the electronic document to be
printed, the program making a computer execute
following steps:

25 a step of judging whether a type of the print
request is a type that the print request is transferred
from a client apparatus to a server apparatus and image
data is transferred via a network from the server

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apparatus to a printer, or a type that the print request is directly transferred from the client apparatus to the printer; and

5 a step of computing a use fee of the print service in accordance with the judged type of the print request.

10 18. A computer readable storage medium according to claim 17, wherein said computing step selects a use fee system of the print service in accordance with information on the judged type of the print request.

15 19. A computer readable storage medium according to claim 17, wherein the server apparatus is connected to the client apparatus and the printer via the network.

20 20. A computer readable storage medium according to claim 17, wherein the program makes the computer execute a step of transmitting registered image data to the printer in response to the print request from the client apparatus.

25 21. A computer readable storage medium according to claim 17, wherein the program makes the computer execute a step of receiving a print result notice from the printer, wherein said computing step computes a use

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fee in accordance with the received print result notice.

22. A computer readable storage medium according to claim 17, wherein a fee system for the type that the print request is transferred from the client apparatus to the server apparatus and the image data is transferred via the network from the server apparatus to a printer is different from a fee system for the type that the print request is directly transferred from the client apparatus to the printer.

23. A program for managing print service for printing an electronic document in response to a print request including designation of the electronic document to be printed, the program making a computer execute following steps:

a step of judging whether a type of the print request is a type that the print request is transferred from a client apparatus to a server apparatus and image data is transferred via a network from the server apparatus to a printer, or a type that the print request is directly transferred from the client apparatus to the printer; and

a step of computing a use fee of the print service in accordance with the judged type of the print request.

request is directly transferred from the client apparatus to the printer.

29. A print system for providing print service
5 for printing an electronic document in response to a print request including designation of the electronic document to be printed, the print system comprising:

managing means for managing identification
information for identifying a user requesting the print
10 service and information on use records of the print service used by the user, both of the information being related to each other; and

computing means for computing a use fee of the
print service in accordance with the information on the
15 use records of the print service used by the user managed by said managing means.

30. A print system according to claim 29, wherein
said computing means determines a discount rate of a
20 base use fee of the print service in accordance with the information on the use records of the print service used by the user, and determines a settlement amount of the print service in accordance with the determined discount rate.

31. A print system according to claim 29, further
comprising:

discount information managing means for managing information on the discount rate of the base use fee of the print service to be applied to the user; and

notifying means for notifying the user of an effect that the information on the discount rate of the base use fee of the print service was updated,

wherein said discount information managing means updates the information on the discount rate of the base use fee of the print service in accordance with information on the use records of the print service used by the user, and said notifying means notifies the user of the effect that the information on the discount rate of the base use fee of the print service was updated.

32. A print system according to claim 29, wherein said managing means includes a management table storing identification information for identifying the user and information on the use records of the print service used by the user, both of the information being related to each other, and updates the management table for the user in accordance with use of the print service by the user.

33. A print system according to claim 29, further comprising notifying means for notifying the user of an effect that the management table was updated, wherein

said managing means updates the management table for the user in accordance with use of the print service by the user, and said notifying means notifies the user of an effect that the management table was updated.

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34. A print system according to claim 29, further comprising condition determining means for determining a charge condition applied to the user, in accordance with the information on the use records of the print service used by the user.

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35. A print system according to claim 29, further comprising:

condition managing means for managing

15 identification information for identifying the user and information on a charge condition applied to the user, both of the information being related to each other; and

20 notifying means for notifying the user of an effect that the charge condition applied to the user was updated,

25 wherein said condition determining means updates information on the charge condition applied to the user in accordance with use of the print service by the user and said notifying means notifies the user of the effect that the charge condition applied to the user was updated.

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36. A method of providing print service for printing an electronic document in response to a print request including designation of the electronic document to be printed, the method comprising:

5 a managing step of managing identification information for identifying a user requesting the print service and information on use records of the print service used by the user, both of the information being related to each other; and

10 a computing step of computing a use fee of the print service in accordance with the information on the use records of the print service used by the user managed by said managing means.

15 37. A method according to claim 36, wherein said computing step determines a discount rate of a base use fee of the print service in accordance with the information on the use records of the print service used by the user, and determines a settlement amount of
20 the print service in accordance with the determined discount rate.

38. A method according to claim 36, further comprising:

25 a discount information managing step of managing information on the discount rate of the base use fee of the print service to be applied to the user; and

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wherein said discount information managing step
5 updates the information on the discount rate of the
base use fee of the print service in accordance with
information on the use records of the print service
used by the user, and said notifying step notifies the
user of the effect that the information on the discount
0 rate of the base use fee of the print service was
updated.

39. A method according to claim 36, wherein said managing step is provided with a management table
15 storing identification information for identifying the user and information on the use records of the print service used by the user, both of the information being related to each other, and updates the management table for the user in accordance with use of the print
20 service by the user.

40. A method according to claim 36, further comprising a notifying step of notifying the user of an effect that the management table was updated, wherein
25 said managing step updates the management table for the user in accordance with use of the print service by the user, and said notifying step notifies the user of an

effect that the management table was updated.

41. A method according to claim 36, further comprising a condition determining step of determining
5 a charge condition applied to the user, in accordance with the information on the use records of the print service used by the user.

42. A method according to claim 36, further comprising:
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a condition managing step of managing identification information for identifying the user and information on a charge condition applied to the user, both of the information being related to each other;
15 and

a notifying step of notifying the user of an effect that the charge condition applied to the user was updated,

wherein said condition determining step updates
20 information on the charge condition applied to the user in accordance with use of the print service by the user and said notifying step notifies the user of the effect that the charge condition applied to the user was updated.

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43. A storing medium storing a program for providing print service for printing an electronic

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a managing step of managing identification

a computing step of computing a use fee of the print service in accordance with the information on the use records of the print service used by the user managed by said managing means.

the program makes the computer execute a discount information managing step of managing information on the discount rate of the base use fee of the print service to be applied to the user and a notifying step of notifying the user of an effect that the information on the discount rate of the base use fee of the print service was updated, and

said discount information managing step updates
the information on the discount rate of the base use
25 fee of the print service in accordance with information
on the use records of the print service used by the
user, and said notifying step notifies the user of the

45. A storage medium according to claim 43,
5 wherein:

10 said managing step updates the management table
for the user in accordance with use of the print
service by the user, and said notifying step notifies
the user of an effect that the management table was
updated.

the program makes the computer execute a condition managing step of managing identification information for identifying the user and information on a charge condition applied to the user, both of the information being related to each other, and a notifying step of notifying the user of an effect that the charge condition applied to the user was updated, and

25 said condition determining step updates
information on the charge condition applied to the user
in accordance with use of the print service by the user
and said notifying step notifies the user of the effect

in accordance with use of the print service by the user and said notifying step notifies the user of the effect that the charge condition applied to the user was updated.

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